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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 4-8, 10, 12, 14-20, 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 9, 11, 13 and 21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB-08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14-16, 18-20, and 22 are rejected under 35

U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inova et al. (5,136,390).

Regarding claim 1, Inova discloses three projectors, which meet the at least first and second projectors as claimed, and an image processor (20, 14).

Regarding claim 2, see col. 8, line 25.

Regarding claim 6, Inova does not require any screen image capture means.

Regarding claims 8 and 10, Figure 4c of Inova shows a linearly inverse relationship.

Regarding claim 12, see col. 8, line 25.

Regarding claim 14, see rejection to claim 1.

Regarding claim 15, see col. 11, lines 28-37.

Regarding claims 16, 18, 19, 20, and 22, see corresponding rejections as set forth above.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 4, 5, 7, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Inova et al. (5,136,390) in view of Johnson et al. (4,827,334).

Regarding claims 4 and 5, Inova does not specify that the processor further adjusts the first and second images portions according to characteristics of the projectors as claimed. In any event, Inova teaches the use of cathode ray tubes as the projectors. It is well known that a cathode ray tube requires gamma correction in order to generate an output video having a linear relationship with the input video. Johnson, from the similar field of endeavor, teaches the use of gamma correction on a CRT projector (col. 7, lines 37-45). Hence, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time that the invention was made to include the well known gamma correction circuit of Johnson into Inova so that the non-linearity characteristics of the CRT could be corrected.

Regarding claim 7, the combination of Inova and Johnson meets the claimed invention since each of the overlapping region and the non-overlapping region would have corrected by different gamma correction operations.

Regarding claim 17, see rejection to claim 7.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 15-18 are objected to because of the following informalities: In each claim, the term "claim 11" is considered a typographical error. It should have been "claim 14". In order to expedite the application, they have been treated as if depended on claim 14. Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 3, 9, 11, 13, and 21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Dorbie (6,545,685) shows an edge blending means.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to M. Lee whose telephone number 571-272-7349. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 9 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sinh Tran, can be reached on 571-272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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